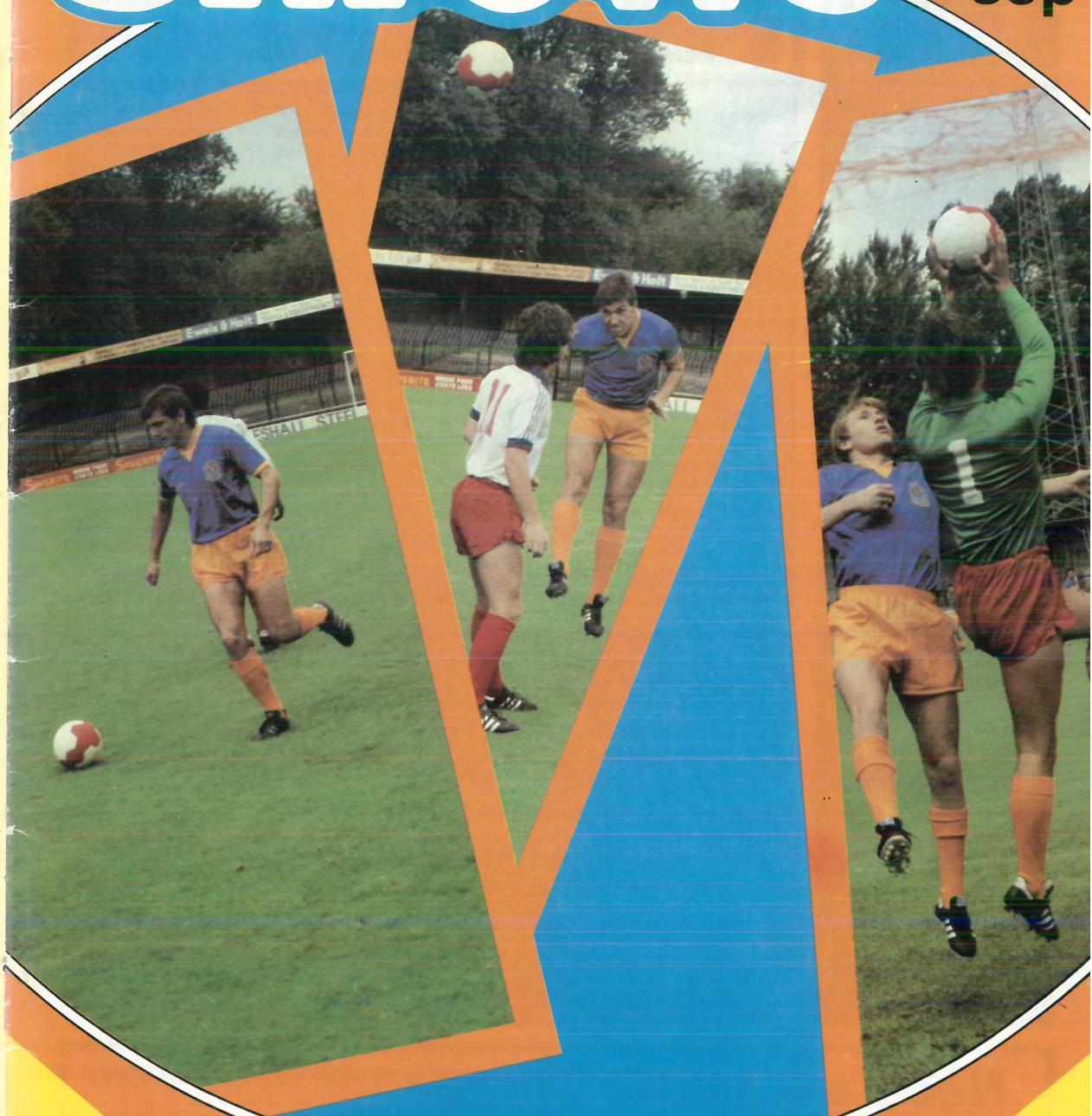


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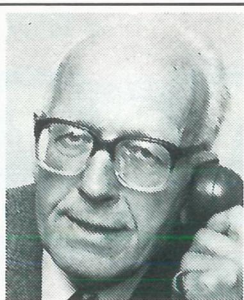
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Secretary Substituted...

By Stan Hall

The Malta Scene

My punishment for a six weeks' absence without leave from the Meadow Scene, has been to substitute this week for Secretary Mal. Starkey on this Page, normally "Secretary's Notes". Instead you will have to suffer the Malta Scene, the reason for my absence.

I was obviously delighted to read about Town's splendid 3-0 away win at Rotherham but disappointed at the Town's FA Cup exit against Everton, who incidentally were recent visitors to Malta, and one or two other results.

It was certainly not sufficient compensation to experience the Maltese football scene. Most Maltese are still fanatical football followers, although, like in most countries, attendances and, to some extent, interest in the game has shown some decline in recent years.

Top English Teams In Malta

Most are still keen followers of the English Football League. Four clubs appear to be their favourites, possibly in the order of Manchester United, Liverpool, Arsenal and Wolves. On their own TV programme on Tuesday evenings they have an hour of watching English football games from the previous Saturday.

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Conditions Not Good

English footballers would certainly no longer complain about playing conditions in this country if they had to play under Maltese conditions for a few weeks. Only one or two have grass, including the new national stadium ground at Ta' Qali, where ALL premier division matches are played, and at this time of the year there is far less grass than hard turf and soil.

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All players are part-timers, as are managers and other officials. Training is mostly in evenings, each club having its own training ground and usually running a first and reserve side plus a junior eleven.

Money is raised mostly by club lotteries, with many committee members having to dip into their own pockets.

It was certainly pleasing to get back to the British scene last week-end with the visit of Barnsley to the Meadow, whose scene I shall be hoping to continue reporting on in Town's next home match programme.

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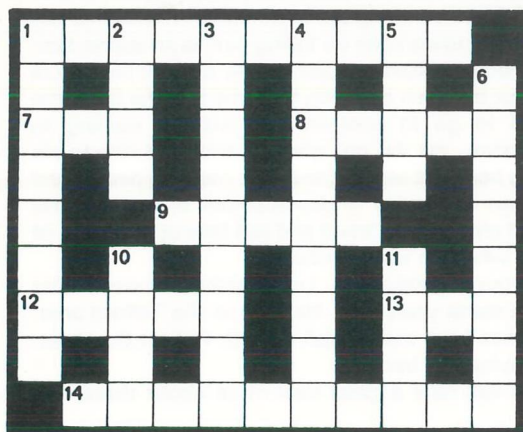
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7. Peter Bonnetti's nickname (3)
8. Welsh international forward who went from Newport to Sheffield United, his major club, later rounding off with Cardiff and Swansea (5)
9. There are two in a match (5)
12. Warren — — — made his debut for QPR in 1980 (5)
13. Winger — — — Glover split 400 appearances between Charlton and Leicester (3)
14. Plays for one's country for example (10)

Down

1. Irish international who moved from Burnley to Boro, for whom he made his 100th turn-out this season (8)
2. The 1891 FA Cup final was the first one at which they were seen (4)
3. Tall forward whose clubs have included Manchester City, Norwich, Brighton, Chester and Sheffield Wednesday (3,6)
4. He was up front for Forest when they last won the European Cup (4,5)
5. Winger — — — Glover appeared for Partick, Bradford PA, Luton, Blackburn and Barrow (4)
6. These club souvenirs are usually triangular (8)
10. Another word for either of the 9 across (4)
11. Midfielder — — — Campbell played the best part of 200 games for each of Charlton, Birmingham and Cardiff (4)

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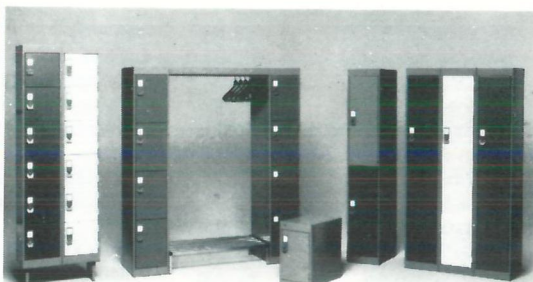
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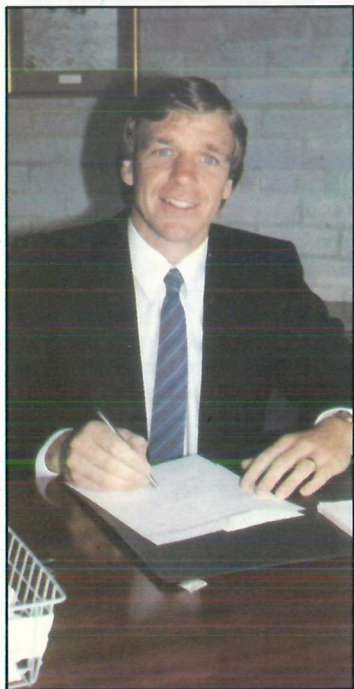
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Graham TURNER



You may recall that several weeks ago in this column, I wrote about our search for young players and that we had offered two boys apprenticeships. I am delighted to say that we have beaten considerable opposition and both boys will be joining us. One of the boys in particular was very much in demand — with one top first division club particularly keen on taking him as an apprentice.

The other boy had promised to spend a few days of his school holiday with us, but between agreeing to come and the half term break he decided to go to another club without coming to Shrewsbury. However, we did not give up and held him to his promise of coming here and seeing the place, meeting people and generally taking part in the day to day activities of the club. He liked it so much he changed his mind and will take up our offer of an apprenticeship when he leaves school.

One boy is a young goalkeeper, Lee Goodall, whose father Dave, played here some years ago. He lives in the Telford area. The other boy comes from the Walsall district, Robert Goodwin. He is currently playing left back.

I hope that you will hear a great deal more about these two boys.

Although there is little or no money available to buy ready made players, the battle behind the scenes to find, sign and then develop our own is going very well. We are now confident that we can compete with the bigger clubs for the best of schoolboy players. Not by wining and dining parents and generally getting the red carpet out for them, nor by silver tongued persuasion and outlandish promises, but by getting the boys to visit the club for training and matches and to see for themselves what life would be like here. And most of all, to see how young players get the opportunity to play in League football at an early age.

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Due to an error in sub editing, a paragraph was missed out of last week's article. It concerns TV and some of its effect on Soccer, and should have read as follows.

TV

I talk to a large number of people in a week about soccer. Only about one in ten are able to talk about Shrewsbury's last match. The rest talk about what they saw on TV. The League Chairmen were quite correct to reject the offer from the TV companies. TV coverage is at saturation point, with the highlights of three matches shown on Saturday evenings, two and sometimes three on Sunday afternoons, plus the goals from a Scottish League match. Tuesday or Wednesday evening sees one or two matches and then for good measure we have Football Focus on at a Saturday lunchtime. This on a reasonable day can show twenty or more goals in ten minutes. It all reminds me of the American tourist doing Europe, who bragged that in the course of the 7 day tour he had seen 14 countries.

This means that probably twelve matches (giving the fact

Meadow SCENE



BY
**PATRICK
NEWBROOK**

that regional ITV companies cover probably six matches on a Saturday) can be seen on TV each week. That means that twenty four teams have been covered.

What would the actors union Equity say if 25% of West End shows were televised each week? What would it do to audience numbers? Yet this is what is happening to soccer.

Hooliganism

This is not confined to Soccer. It is a disease on society as a whole. In the newspapers there were more reports last week of old ladies and others being mugged, than soccer hooligans being arrested. There were more cases of violence in pubs, dance halls and discos, than at soccer grounds. At one of our top universities there is even a society whose aims are to get drunk and smash up restaurants. These are the children of people who know better!! Personally I do not think the courts back the Police up sufficiently. What is the point of fining a hooligan £400 when he is probably unemployed, living off the state and therefore does not have the money to pay the fine.



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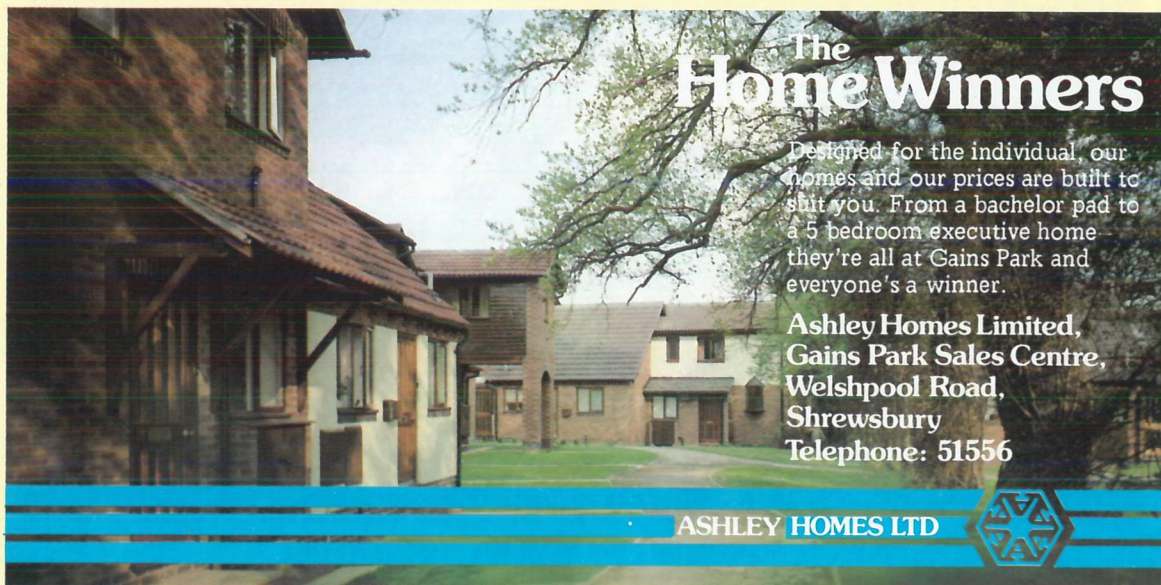
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ENGLAND's undefeated run in the finals of the World Cup has helped boost their standing in European football, and the 3-1 defeat of semi-finalists France in Bilbao has helped lift them 12 places in the European ranking list compiled by FOOTBALL FRANCE, one of the most influential soccer magazines in the world.

Not surprisingly Italy, the winners of the World Cup in Spain, have been honoured as Europe's top national side in this annual listing, despite their appalling record in the European Championship this season which has seen them draw at home with Czechoslovakia (2-2) and Rumania (0-0), as well as loose to Switzerland (1-0) in a friendly.

But that marvellous run in the later stages of the World Cup which produced victories over Argentina, Brazil, Poland and West Germany, in the final, has provided the Italian's with a notable double — their star striker Paolo Rossi having been named as the European Footballer of the Year.

Poland, the third-placed team in Spain, are nominated behind Enzo Bearzot's Italian masters in second place, and that too is a considerable improvement on last years position which ranked them seventh.

The Poles who were not expected to do well in Spain following the political upheaval the country has experienced over the past year, oust the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia from the runners-up spot.

Russia, who have played just once in the current European Championship, beating Finland 2-0 in Moscow, have fallen to joint sixth position with Belgium, but the slide of Yugoslavia who have slumped to 17th, mirrors the appalling year the highly fancied Slavs have experienced.

WALES IMPROVE

Tipped to do well in Spain they were eliminated at the first stage and their poor showing then has only been further compounded by a string of disappointing results in Group 4 of the European Championship.

That is the group which contains Wales, Bulgaria and Norway and although it has to be admitted that the Slavs are in a transitional stage following the disbandment of the World Cup failures, their 3-1 defeat in Norway, still came as an unexpected shock.

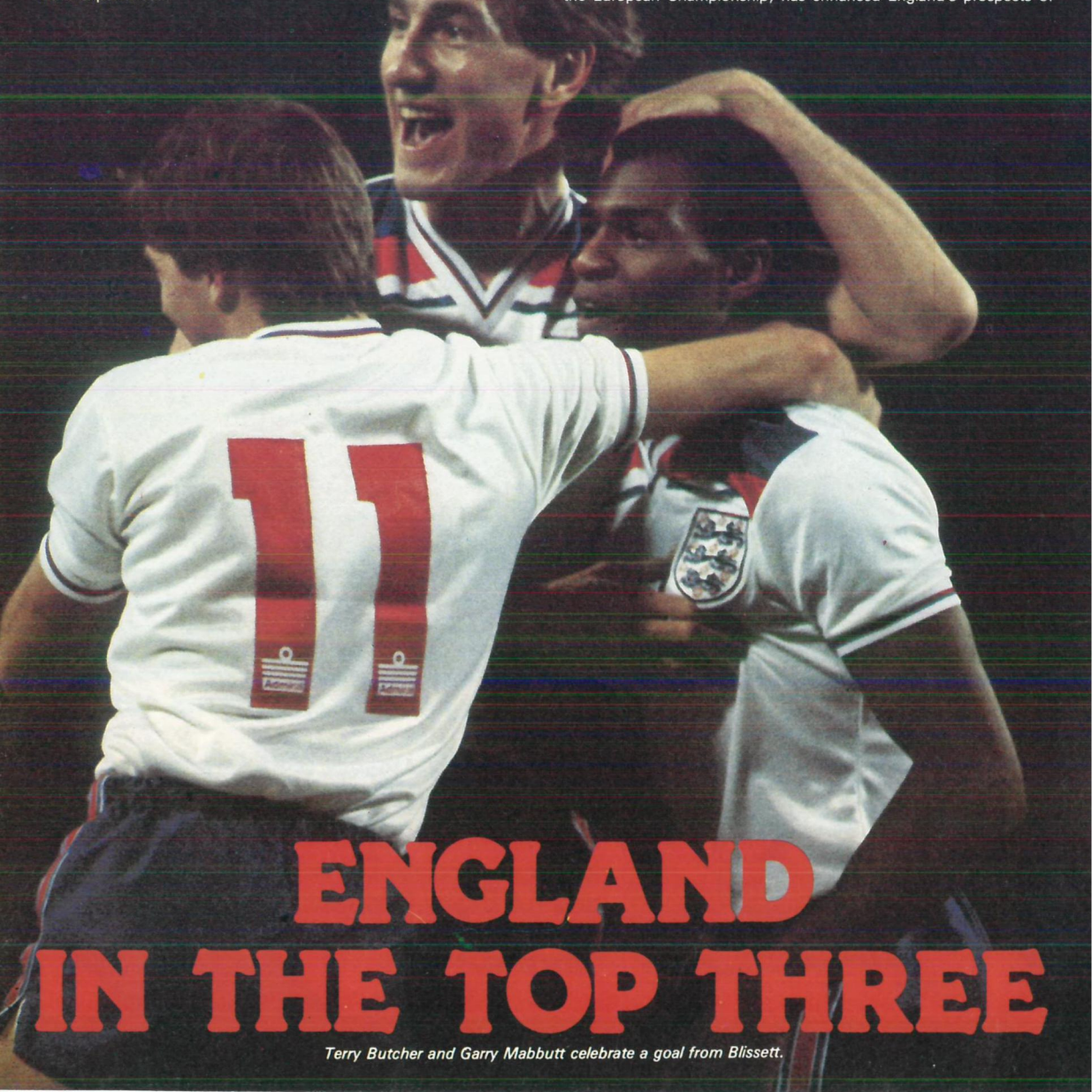
They did pick themselves up with a 1-0 victory in Bulgaria but then lost ground in the thick cloying mud of Titograd when they allowed Wales to come back twice from being two goals down to eventually draw 4-4.

Wales themselves have risen in stature, from 20th to 14th, while their other opponents in the European Championship Norway and Bulgaria are ranked 22nd and 25th respectively.

For England though the rise to joint third place with France and West Germany, the only side to beat them in 1982, has proved a big fillip. This time last year England were languishing in 15th place after their worst ever series of results, but following a cautious start under new manager Bobby Robson, when they were lucky to draw 2-2 in Denmark and lost at Wembley to West Germany in a friendly, the signs have been encouraging.

THE FORM TEAM

A 3-0 win in Greece followed by the 9-0 annihilation of Luxembourg in the European Championship, has enhanced England's prospects of



ENGLAND IN THE TOP THREE

Terry Butcher and Garry Mabbutt celebrate a goal from Blissett.

ENGLAND IN THE TOP

finishing top of Group 3, and so qualifying for a place in the finals in France.

Hungary, who do not enter the tournament until the end of March, when they travel to Luxembourg, have slipped badly in recent months, falling from fourth position to 17th in the European rankings. Likewise Denmark — rated 8th in 1982 — have slumped badly to 23rd, while Greece have fallen three places from 24 to 27 and Luxembourg from 30 to 33.

Scotland, who suffered yet another poor World Cup series, have also lost ground, dropping from fifth to 10th. Defeats by Switzerland (2-0) and Belgium (3-2) this season in the European Championship have not enhanced their chances in Group I where Belgium — sixth — and East Germany — 14th — have both improved their standing and little Switzerland have maintained their position with a second successive joint eighth place, this time with the Austrians.

Northern Ireland, level with England in 15th position last year and



A lot will depend on Kenny Dalglish, here seen in World Cup action for Scotland against New Zealand.

the toast of Spain, have moved up to 12th on the back of that unexpected success in the World Cup and the subsequent defeat of West Germany in Group 6 of the European Championship.

However their 2-0 defeat against Austria who have beaten Albania (5-0) and Turkey (4-0) has set them back in this very tough qualifying group. Austria as previously mentioned are rated joint eighth — an improvement of four places, and although West Germany have fallen from the poll position they unquestionably held last year, they still remain a formidable opponent. Albania 30th and Turkey 31st would appear to be only nuisance value.

CHANGES

In Group 7, the Republic of Ireland would also appear to be up against it. Spain are the top seeded team in this division with a ranking of 13, but like all the other competitors in the group it is a downward trend.

The Spanish really let their supporters down during the summer when they flopped in the World Cup Finals in their own backyard and although their points return of three, from their opening two European Championship matches would seem satisfactory, the manner of their performances did little to suggest that they will quickly emerge as a European soccer super power.

The 1-0 home win over Iceland was far from convincing, even if it came as a welcome relief for new manager Miguel Munoz. In this, Spain's first game of the new season, there were only four survivors from the World Cup squad and the winning goal scored in the 59th minute, was scored by debutant Juan Pedraza (Atletico Madrid).

The third point was achieved in Dublin where Spain took a 3-1 lead before the Irish clawed back to 3-3 with two goals from Frank Stapleton. Having already lost 2-1 in Holland, the Republic's chances would seem to have evaporated in favour of the Dutch, who also dropped a point with a 1-1 draw in Iceland.

1983 EUROPEAN NATIONAL TEAM RANKINGS

(The 1982 positions are shown in brackets)

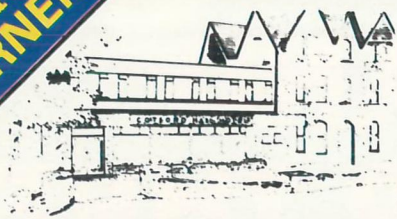
Position	Team(s)
1	Italy (12)
2	Poland (7)
3	ENGLAND (15), West Germany (1), France (11)
6	Belgium (10), USSR (2)
8	Austria (12), Switzerland (8)
10	SCOTLAND (5), Czechoslovakia (12)
12	NORTHERN IRELAND (15)
13	Spain (6)
14	WALES (20), East Germany (22), Portugal (22)
17	Hungary (4), Rumania (26), Yugoslavia (2)
20	Holland (18), Norway (27)
22	Sweden (18)
23	Denmark (8)
24	REPUBLIC OF IRELAND (17)
25	Bulgaria (20)
26	Finland (28)
27	Greece (24)
28	Iceland (24)
29	Cyprus (30)
30	Albania (30)
31	Malta (29), Turkey (30)
33	Luxembourg (30)

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RUMANIA

The statistics show that England have made the biggest advancement over the past twelve months, improving their standing by a clear 12 places. Next comes the World Champions Italy, eleven rungs up the ladder, and perhaps surprisingly Rumania, which has quietly progressed by nine positions.

Two countries have maintained their status — Albania and Switzerland but for the rest 1982 has proved a negative year.

Denmark, Yugoslavia and Hungary provided the most dramatic slides. The Danes dropped 15 places from eight to 23 and that was the measure of Yugoslavia's decline which took them from second to 17th. The Magyars on the other hand only plummeted 13 places from fourth to 17.

The Republic of Ireland joined Spain with a drop of seven places while Scotland slipped five rungs down the scale.

The demise of West Germany and Russia is not uncontrollable but Holland must be disappointed that their slide continues even if it is only a slight one.

Here is the table of merit showing the teams who have made the most progress in international football during 1982:

Team	No of places improved
ENGLAND	12
Italy	11
Rumania	9
France	8
East Germany	8
Portugal	8
Norway	7
WALES	6
Poland	5
Austria	4
Belgium	4
NORTHERN IRELAND	3
Czechoslovakia	2
Finland	2

And so to current form and the European Championship. Here are the results so far with the corresponding league tables. Remember only one team qualifies from each group, the seven winners joining the host nation France in the finals.

Group 1

Belgium	—	Switzerland	3-0
Scotland	—	East Germany	2-0
Switzerland	—	Scotland	2-0
Belgium	—	Scotland	3-2

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BELGIUM	2	2	0	0	6	2	4
SCOTLAND	3	1	0	2	4	5	2
SWITZERLAND	2	1	0	1	2	3	2
EAST GERMANY	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

Belgium head the group with maximum points from two games but they have yet to play away and the first big test will be at the end of March when they visit East Germany. For Scotland it has been a disappointing series with just two points and half their programme completed. The home game with Switzerland on 30-3-83 is now vital to their chances.

Group 2

Finland	—	Poland	2-3
Finland	—	Portugal	0-2
Portugal	—	Poland	2-1
Russia	—	Finland	2-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PORTUGAL	2	2	0	0	4	1	4
RUSSIA	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
POLAND	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
FINLAND	3	0	0	3	2	7	0

Play in this group does not resume until April when Poland face Finland and Russia host Portugal in a key fixture. The 2-1 defeat of Poland — third in the World Cup — by Portugal was the shock of the group. Portugal lead 2-0 through Nene and Gomes before Janas replied for Poland in the last minute. This result opened the door for Russia, who are also under new management — Valeri Lobanovsky — but the form book still suggests that the winner of this group will come from the two representatives of Eastern Europe.



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ENGLAND IN THE TOP THREE

Group 3

Denmark	—	England	2-2
Luxembourg	—	Greece	0-2
Luxembourg	—	Denmark	1-2
Greece	—	England	0-3
England	—	Luxembourg	9-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ENGLAND	3	2	1	0	14	2	5
DENMARK	2	1	1	0	4	3	3
GREECE	2	1	0	1	2	3	2
LUXEMBOURG	3	0	0	3	1	13	0

England's landslide 9-0 victory over Luxembourg established them as the highest scoring team in the competition, an extra string to their bow should the group be decided by goal difference. Realistically both Luxembourg and Greece must be discounted as serious contenders which leaves England to battle it out with Denmark and Hungary who enter the fray towards the end of March, away to Luxembourg. The Magyars are never easy opponents in Budapest but their away form of late has been very poor and England must remain favourites to qualify from this group.

Group 4

Wales	—	Norway	1-0
Norway	—	Yugoslavia	3-1
Bulgaria	—	Norway	2-2
Bulgaria	—	Yugoslavia	0-1
Yugoslavia	—	Wales	4-4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WALES	2	1	1	0	5	4	3
NORWAY	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
YUGOSLAVIA	3	1	1	1	6	7	3
BULGARIA	2	0	1	1	2	3	1



Bernd Schuster, was back in the West German team in Belfast.

Welsh hearts were lifted when Mike England's team gave an inspired performance in Titograd to earn a valuable point in a 4-4 draw with Yugoslavia. The Slavs who slumped badly in Spain are in the process of rebuilding their team under new manager Todor Veselinovic and the more settled Welsh team would seem to have a fine chance of winning the group. Bulgaria — also under new management, with only one point from two home games and Wales still to play, would appear to be out of contention now, but Norway provide a serious threat.

Group 5

Rumania	—	Cyprus	3-1
Rumania	—	Sweden	2-0
Czechoslovakia	—	Sweden	2-2
Italy	—	Czechoslovakia	2-2
Cyprus	—	Sweden	0-1
Italy	—	Rumania	0-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
RUMANIA	3	2	1	0	5	1	5
SWEDEN	3	1	1	1	3	4	3
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	2	0	2	0	4	4	2
ITALY	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
CYPRUS	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

The form of World Cup holders Italy since their great triumph in Spain has been to say the least embarrassing. As if defeat on their home soil by Switzerland was not enough in a friendly (incidentally it was their first defeat on home soil for 11 years), they then dropped a vital point in a home game against the Czechs after twice taking the lead. But even more upsetting was a dismal goalless draw at home to Rumania who top the group by virtue of their home wins over Cyprus and Sweden. Certainly Italy's despair has given the Czech's hope as their fighting display in Milan gave notice that the apathy of Spain had been swept away by new boss Frantisek Havranek, who fielded seven players from Bohemians against the Italians. Now they must make sure that Rumania do not creep in through the back door.

Group 6

Austria	—	Albania	5-0
Austria	—	Northern Ireland	2-0
Turkey	—	Albania	1-0
Northern Ireland	—	West Germany	1-0
Austria	—	Turkey	4-0
Albania	—	Northern Ireland	0-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AUSTRIA	3	3	0	0	11	0	6
NORTHERN IRELAND	3	1	1	1	1	2	3
TURKEY	2	1	0	1	1	4	2
ALBANIA	3	0	1	2	0	6	1
WEST GERMANY	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

Northern Ireland completed the biggest upset of the tournament so far when they became only the second European team to beat the holders, West Germany, in the last four years. The champions were beaten by a goal from Queens Park Rangers' Ian Stewart, a former Windsor Park ballboy. It was Stewart's first ever goal and unfortunately for the Irish, the only goal the side has scored in three outings. Consequently Austria have emerged as clear leaders in this group which could be decided by their two games against West Germany who are no longer on the boil. But with Austria still to visit Belfast, the Irish will still have a big say in the eventual outcome.

Group 7

Malta	—	Iceland	2-1
Iceland	—	Holland	1-1
Holland	—	Republic of Ireland	2-1
Republic of Ireland	—	Iceland	2-0
Spain	—	Iceland	1-0
Republic of Ireland	—	Spain	3-3
Malta	—	Holland	0-6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
HOLLAND	3	2	1	0	9	2	5
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	3	1	1	1	6	5	3
SPAIN	2	1	1	0	4	3	3
MALTA	2	1	0	1	2	7	2
ICELAND	4	0	1	3	2	6	1

This group provided the first major shock of the competition when Iceland held Holland to a 1-1 draw. But this has proved the only blemish on the Dutch performance so far although they were more than fortunate to beat the Irish 2-1. The disappointment of dropping both points in that game was only compounded for Ireland when they drew 3-3 with Spain in Dublin. In the end Eoin Hand's team were thankful for the point, having been 3-1 down after 60 minutes but the result places Spain in a stronger position to challenge the Dutch.



GARRY BIRTLES is the striker who cost Manchester United almost £100,000 a goal during two years of frustration and disillusionment at Old Trafford, following a big fee transfer from Nottingham Forest.

Birtles failure proved just another nail in Dave Sexton's coffin and although Ron Atkinson also recognised the potential of the lean bearded Birtles, when he took over the Old Trafford empire, like his predecessor he was unable to get the goal return out of the highly priced striker.

The stark reality was that during his two years at United, Garry scored only 11 goals in 58 League appearances, a sad sad tale for a player who had promised so much as a youngster in his native Nottingham, having left Forest with a record of 32 League goals in 87 matches.

It was Brian Clough who had sold the shy youngster to United in the first place and it was Clough who this season brought him back home in a deal which realised him a profit of almost £1 million.

Ironically the move did the trick. Garry Birtles refound his touch and the goals began to flow once more. In the first three months back at Forest he scored more goals than he had mustered in two years at Manchester. Suddenly the chemistry was right and Birtles was bombing defences left right and centre.

But why should a player who has represented England suddenly dry-up when he moves to a new team? Garry himself can not be certain but suggests; "it is probably to do with the different styles of play."

After trying so hard to prove himself to the Manchester fans Garry is far more relaxed at the City Ground where he is respected and loved by the locals and he admits: "I prefer the style of play at Nottingham. I know what John Robertson is going to do and he knows what I am going to do and I think the kind of mental telepathy some players develop with each other has a lot to do with it.

"Obviously my partnership with Ian Wallace — which was going so well before I left Forest in the first place — has blossomed again and benefited the both of us and this has helped the team.

"It is not just an individual thing playing football and this is particularly the case at Nottingham Forest where the emphasis is on team play and not individuals. If the team are functioning well then we will gain success, and that's what it is all about you know, winning!

"In a team game you rely on corporate success. You have to string the passes together and work for each other for the common goal."

Forest's sustained challenge for the title many believe is already Liverpool's, ends a couple of years in the doldrums following the heady successes in Europe and on the domestic front. But for Garry Birtles and his team mates it has come as no surprise.

He smiles: "I think a lot of people have been taken by surprise but we weren't ourselves. At Forest we believe in our own ability. And what is more important is that we play as a team and not as individuals and that is the thing that matters most in the end. Any success we gain this season is because of our team work not because of any individual players."

Garry defines the difference between Manchester and Nottingham as style and yet from the lay-mans point of view it would seem that Brian Clough's defensively cautious tactical web would provide less opportunity for a striker than the more flamboyant approach of Manchester United who tend to fling everything into attack, particularly at home.

But Garry cautions: "I think that is what does Manchester United at home in all honesty. At Old Trafford they go forward too quickly and if they don't score in the first twenty minutes or so the crowd begins to get very edgy and it affects the players on the pitch.

"Then they try too hard and everything is knocked forward far too quickly, sometimes without any thought.

"Here at Forest we are far more patient as a team and we play the ball to feet much more than United do and that is my game."

There was a certain quiet disbelief when Forest were pole axed out of the FA Cup by struggling Second Division Derby County at the beginning of the year but even that and a substantial points lead opened up by Liverpool at the top of the First Division could not quench the belief in the Forest camp that they have a realistic chance of winning the Championship.

"There would be no point in us playing if we didn't believe we had a chance," claims Garry. "We are playing well away from home this season and have got some good results behind us so there is no reason to doubt our capability.

"We went to Liverpool with a very young side and were 3-2 up with only eight minutes to go and lost 4-3. Hopefully that will not happen again."

Certainly the new Forest side are showing glimpses of recapturing that winning formula but how does Garry compare the current squad with that he left to join Manchester United.

"Obviously that side was a very very good side. And again it was all based on team-work. There were no outstanding individuals. Personalities yes, but all within the framework of the team. Martin O'Neill for instance did a very good job for us hustling and bustling but it was all about team effort. That is what won us the League Championship and two European Cups.

"And now that pattern is emerging again. The young lads have learned from what they saw in the past and also their enthusiasm is rubbing off on the more senior professionals, and this is a good thing. Once more the blend seems to be right and I don't think it will be too long before Nottingham Forest's name appears on the winners list in some major competition."

Such success would also enhance Garry's credentials for further international recognition as well. Although he has won three England caps, Garry has yet to play a full 90 minutes international football. His debut at Wembley in May 1980 was as a late substitute for David Johnson and his full baptism against Italy in the finals of the European Championships the following month was more an act of desperation by manager Ron Greenwood than a calculated gamble. . . It certainly did not give the young striker a fair chance to establish himself as an international striker and he was pulled off in the second-half to be replaced by Paul Mariner.

The following autumn brought a third opportunity in a World Cup qualifying match in Bucharest. Again Garry was unfortunate to find himself in a badly balanced side and again he was substituted — this time by Cunningham — during England's 2-1 defeat by Rumania.

Now that Garry has shaken off the nightmare of Manchester and once more found the finishing touch that made him one of the best young prospects in the country, he can once more start to rebuild his personal career and aim for that England shirt.

GARRY BIRTLES

The Sun Rises Over Japan

The mere fact that the World Football Club Championships have been played in Tokyo over the last two years and have drawn huge crowds is indicative of the fact that football in Japan is beginning to "take off". Of all the football nations (except possibly the U.S.A.) Japan is the one where soccer is most likely to succeed in absolute terms.

Not only have large Japanese companies taken an important interest in our Football League by sponsoring various Clubs and Competitions for example Hitachi, Pioneer and J.V.C. spring easy to mind, but they have also shown a desire to put the money into the game at large.

Canon and Seiko are just two of these but as time goes by more and more are involving themselves with the game even though all over the world, it has been plagued with violence and controversy.

The Japanese have welcomed British teams to play exhibition matches in Japan and London clubs, Arsenal and Spurs were amongst the first to go there and Spurs actually took part in and won a now annual competition known as the "Japan Cup".

The World's ruling body FIFA have been, for some time, sending coaches, referees and administrators to Japan to teach and assist them with the development of their football and in order to supplement this, the second World Youth Championships were held there in 1979 and were a great success.

At the beginning of the season before last, the Japanese National squad paid a short visit to Britain to play some of our clubs in pre-season friendlies and whereas the results in terms of victories were not great, so far as emerging countries are concerned, victory is not always the most important commodity.

The Japanese National squad under their manager, Mr. Takaji Mori and his coach Mr. Hidemitsu Hanaoka were very pleased with the experience they gained and to be given the opportunity to play neat attractive football close to the ground, which is the system they seem to like best.

Mr. Mori was quite open in his views about Japanese football and said "I think at the present time we stand very low in World rankings but this is probably due mostly to the fact that we are all amateurs. When we construct a fully professional League, we will, I feel, have a chance to leap up in those rankings.

"There are certainly one or two things I would like to change if I could. It is most important for us to train more good coaches.

"At the moment in the schools the boys are taught in a kind of strict and military fashion which leads to a too rigid system of play. The players are told what to do and not encouraged to think for themselves, and they must be taught to use their own initiative.

"Essentially, we are now aiming at the Los Angeles Olympic Games in 1984, so for the time being we are developing our style of play and we are hopeful that our football ability will achieve a better result than the third place we achieved in the Mexico Olympics in 1968."

Japanese football has of course been developing for over a hundred years and it is the British Navy who are credited with its introduction there. Since that time there have been other influences on the style.

Mr. Mori confirmed: "We have had many influences in our game but in particular Detmar Cramer when he was FIFA's main coach and also Hannes Weisweiler, also a German, have had perhaps the greatest affect on our play in recent years.

"We have never copied, as such, the styles of other countries or their respective teams because we think there are good points in most countries' play, but we think that perhaps the German and English are best.

"However if we were to tell the Japanese team to do what they do, it would be disastrous for us. We are trying to develop our own style so that we can be regarded as having a tactical formation and system of our own and one which suits us best.

"For example Japanese players are not so physically strong as the Europeans so we have to play differently from them. We play a lot more on the surface of the pitch, to the feet of our players and take the game at a slower pace.

"We feel the way to survive in International Football for us, is to concentrate on technique and tactics and not the game's physical features."

Since the sponsorship aspects of Japanese companies are now well pronounced, it was interesting to note that the equivalent type of financial assistance in Japan is not on the same level.

Mr. Mori says: "We do not have any sponsorship and some of the companies who sponsor English football actually have teams in our league.

"Hitachi, Mitsubishi, Nissan and Yamaha all turn out teams and the plyers of course who play for these teams are employees of the companies. What happens is that the players are given various dispensations and assistance in work time, so they will probably work for the company in the morning and then go off to training or practice in the afternoon."

There is no doubt that given the natural Japanese desire to compete at World level in all things, at sometime in the not too distant future, their soccer is set to ignite like a rocket. It will be interesting whether that will in fact take place at the Los Angeles Olympics and certainly it will be fascinating to see how they compete against the USA, their one time financial backers and now their competitors, in the realms of football expansion.

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Aston Villa	22	14	2	6	45	34	30	Port Vale	21	8	1	12	34	51	17
Derby C.	20	13	3	4	54	36	29	Cov. City	20	7	2	11	37	40	16
Stoke City	21	10	5	6	37	34	25	Birm. City	16	5	5	6	23	20	15
Leicester C.	19	11	2	6	57	33	24	Walsall	18	4	5	9	31	38	13
Wolves	22	9	4	9	27	37	22	Mans. Town	20	5	2	13	37	67	12
								Notts C.	22	1	4	17	22	51	6

List of Midland Intermediate League & Cup Appearances and goals.

	Apps.	Goals			
Steve Perks	22	—	Steve Glaister	3	—
Karl Foster	22	6	Paul Waddington	3	—
Martin Myers	22	1	Bernard McNally	2	—
Andy Kerr	21	1	Mark Caulfield	2	—
Gerry Nardiello	20	14	John Skelding	2	—
Declan Edge	20	3	Chic Bates	1	—
Richard Pike	19	3	Russell Bradley	1	—
Steve Buchanan	16	—	Willie Carr	1	—
Martin Sankey	14	6	Ian Caswell	1	—
Kevin Sherry	14	—	Mark Caulfield	1	—
Colin Robinson	9	5	Darren Clowey	1	—
Carl Leonard	7	—	Andy Chappell	1	—
Paul Roberts	6	—	Steve Jones	1	—
John Ridding	5	—	Wayne Jones	1	—
Steve Cooper	4	2	Daryl Kerr	1	—
Steve Hopcroft	3	—	Shaun Laverty	1	—
Graham Turner	3	—	David Loughlan	1	—
Gary Stevens	3	1	Daryl Mann	1	—
Paul Johnson	3	—	Dennis Mulholland	1	—
Salem Mohammed	3	—	Steve Nightingale	1	—
			Simon Peach	1	—
			Tony Sprey	1	—
			Kevin Ward	1	—
			David White	1	—
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The reserve side playing in the Midland Intermediate League are now in seventh place, this is a great improvement as after the first 6 games we only had 1 point and were sitting on the bottom of the league. At the start of the season most of the lads were new to professional football just coming from school and some still at school.

With the restructuring of the Central League which now plays in Midweek, we are coming up against very experienced reserve sides, often with as many as 7 first team players in. So our current position reflects much credit on our lads. To date we have used 43 players, mostly trialists, many have been local boys and in one game no fewer than 8 Shropshire lads played.

Local boy Steve Perks 19 understudy to Steve Ogrizovic has been ever present this season and has helped our inexperienced defenders tremendously, his agility has saved us on lots of occasions and his eagerness to work hard in training has paid off in this season's performances.

Present skipper of the side is another local boy Martin Sankey 18, on the fringe of the first team Martin's enthusiasm and work rate not to mention his goal scoring ability has been a tremendous example to the younger lads.

Sunday Express 13/3/83

SHREWSBURY'S FIGHTING ANSWER

by LESLIE THOMAS: Shrewsbury Town 3, Barnsley 1

SHREWSBURY laid on a terrific second-half show, taking Barnsley apart and proving it never pays to under-estimate your opponents.

Despite some dubious tactics, Barnsley had looked as though they were in charge after 45 minutes of pressure crowned by a simple, 13th minute goal from Derrick Parker.

But there were already signs of trouble. Their player-coach, Ian Evans, had his first game for seven months but lasted only 32 minutes.

He went off after aggravating his old hamstring injury.

Parker scored from a right-wing build-up. Alan Birch spotted him unmarked and sent him a perfect centre to raise his tally to ten goals.

Gary Pierce failed two good attempts by Shrewsbury's Colin Robinson on the second occasion Brown gave Chic Bates a header which went wide and Pierce snatched the ball as Robinson just got his head to it.

PRESSURE

Three minutes from half-time Robinson had a goal disallowed when Brown was ruled offside.

With petty niggling and some tripping marring the play, the first half closed with Town a goal down. But they had no means conceded superiority.

In the second half Barnsley substitute Don Souter handed under pressure from Gary Stevens. MacLaren scored from the spot for a flat in route equaliser.

Three minutes later Robinson, in the Barnsley area, lobbed the ball over Pierce to give Shrewsbury the lead. It was his second League goal in only four appearances.

Pearson grabbed Shrewsbury's third following a corner in the 72nd minute. Brown hit an upright and Pearson pounded on the revolving door.

offence cost Barnsley a second goal.

This time Parker was pulled up for dissent and MacLaren hoisted the free kick deep into the Barnsley penalty box.

The ball broke kindly for Colin Robinson who toe-ended it over the stranded Pierce into an unguarded net.

Barnsley's startling eclipse was completed in the 72nd minute when central defender Nigel Pearson blasted home his first League goal after Brown's shot had rebounded from a post.

SHREWSBURY—OGRIZOVIC 8, Williams 6, Johnson 6, Turner 6, Pearson 7, Stevens 7, Potts 6, MacLaren 7, Brown 7, Robinson 6, Bates 6.

BARNLEY—Pierce 7, Joyce 7, Chambers 7, Glavin 6, Banks 5, Evans 5, Law 6, Parker 7, Rosen 6, Campbell 6, BIRCH 8, Souter 6.

By BRIAN RUSSELL

Shrewsbury 3, Barnsley 1

SHREWSBURY battered Barnsley with a second-half goal blitz.

They hit three in 11 minutes in an astonishing fightback.

Derrick Parker had given Barnsley a 13th-minute lead from the impressive Alan Birch's centre—his 10th goal of the season.

Unlucky

And only two brave saves by Steve Ogrizovic and a goal-line clearance by Nigel Pearson from Parker denied Barnsley the commanding half-time lead their enterprise deserved.

Even after central defender Ian Evans limped off with a hamstring injury on the half-hour, Barnsley easily contained a front

line in which only top scorer Alan Brown provided any threat.

But the game swung dramatically in the 61st minute when Barnsley's Don Souter—the substitute

for Evans—inexplicably handled when there was no pressure at all.

Ross MacLaren blasted the spot kick past Gary Pierce. Within two minutes another unnecessary

Welshpool champion

WELSHPOOL, the Welsh intermediate cup finalists, improved their Central Wales League Division One championship prospects by taking two points at home to Knighton.

They won 2-1 with goals by Chris Maraden and Nigel Griffiths. Chris Everall replied.

Aberystwith Town top scorer Graham Mawdsley grabbed his 29th goal of the season in their 4-0 victory at Montgomery. Huw Thomas scored in the first minute and then Mawdsley wrenched in with a hat-trick.

League leaders Newtown dropped a point with a 1-1 draw at Kington.

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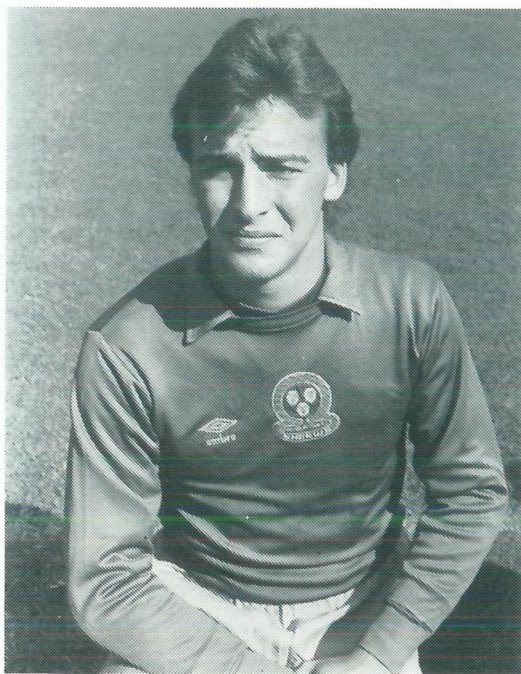
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MATCH-REPORT

MIDDLESBROUGH 2

1. Kelham O'Hanlon
2. Irving Natrass
3. Darren Wood
4. Mick Baxter
5. Tony Mowbray
6. Heine Otto
7. Paul Sugrue
8. Michael Kennedy
9. Ray Hankin
10. David Shearer
11. Stephen Bell
12. Gary MacDonald

versus

SHREWSBURY TOWN 1

1. Steve Ogrizovic
2. Wayne Williams
3. Paul Johnson
4. Graham Turner
5. Nigel Pearson
6. Phil Bates
7. Paul Petts
8. Ross MacLaren
9. Alan Brown
10. Colin Robinson
11. Gary Stevens
12. Carleton Leonard

DUBIOUS DECISIONS

After an excellent start with a goal by Ross MacLaren after ten minutes, I thought we were on our way to another win, it was virtually a replica of Rotherham, a goal up in the first ten minutes. The difference was that Middlesbrough were in a different class than Rotherham, on the day.

The game was played at a cracking pace and, after the first six minutes, Steve Ogrizovic made a tremendous reflex save from a rasping shot by Mick Kennedy and then, almost immediately, we attacked and Alan Brown was pushed in the back on the edge of the box and Ross MacLaren scored direct from the free kick. We soaked up quite a lot of pressure from then on, but in spite of this, they did not look like scoring. It was a very dubious decision, first by the linesman and then by the referee that brought Middlesbrough the equalising goal. A free kick taken half way between the eighteen yard line and the penalty spot was touched to Mick Kennedy who shot through the wall into the net. I am still unaware of the reason the free kick was given and, as the referee was clearly unsighted, I am convinced he did not know either, for he did not consult the linesman.

The second half was very much the same, with Middlesbrough not really looking like scoring. Alan Brown, after a tremendous dribble right from the half way line into the box, beat two men and then unfortunately put the ball over the bar. Chic Bates almost reached a good centre from Colin Robinson and Steve Ogrizovic made a tremendous save from Ray Hankin, who later in the seventy-fifth minute, scored a simple goal from a blatantly off-side decision.

I was very disappointed with this result for I am of the opinion that these two dubious decisions by the officials decided the outcome.

Facts — Corners: 5 for them and 5 for us.

Free Kicks: 10 for them and 8 for us.

Referee: P. A. Tyldesley (Stockport).

Gate: 7,406.

DATE	OPPONENTS	F-A	GATE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug	28 Oldham Athletic	0-1	3,700	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Turner	Pearson	Griffin	Petts	MacLaren	Brown	Cross	Bates	Sankey
Sept	31 Wrexham MCI (1st Leg)	0-1	3,218	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Sankey	Pearson	Griffin	Petts	MacLaren	Brown	Cross	Bates	Foster
	7 Fulham	0-1	3,525	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	Stevens	Bates	Sankey
	11 Crystal Palace	1-2	6,578	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	Stevens	Bates	Sankey
	17 Grimsby Town	0-0	7,599	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	Stevens	Bates	Turner
	18 Wrexham MCI (2nd Leg)	2-0	2,850	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	Stevens	Bates	Turner
	25 Newcastle United	2-1	7,907	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	Stevens	Bates	Turner
	25 Burnley	2-1	6,436	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	Stevens	Bates	Turner
	28 Cambridge United	2-1	2,974	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Turner	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Leonard	Stevens	Bates	Turner
Oct	2 Leicester City	0-2	5,223	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	Stevens	Bates	Turner
	5 Birmingham C. MC2 (1st Leg)	1-1	5,003	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	Stevens	Bates	Turner
	9 Middlesbrough	2-2	3,620	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Turner	Stevens	Bates	Sankey
	16 Queens Park Rangers	0-4	9,275	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	Stevens	Bates	Sankey
	20 Rotherham United	2-0	3,926	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	Stevens	Bates	Sankey
	26 Birmingham C. MC2 (2nd Leg)	1-4	7,861	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	Stevens	Bates	Sankey
	36 Barnsley	2-2	11,150	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	Stevens	Bates	Sankey
Nov	13 Bolton Wanderers	4-1	4,879	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	Stevens	Bates	Sankey
	13 Sheffield Wednesday	1-0	8,033	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	Stevens	Bates	Sankey
	27 Chelsea	2-1	8,690	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	Stevens	Bates	Sankey
	27 Charlton Athletic	0-0	4,477	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	Stevens	Bates	Sankey
Dec	4 Carlisle United	3-2	4,226	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	Stevens	Bates	Sankey
	11 Blackburn R. (FA 2)	0-0	4,833	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	Stevens	Bates	Sankey
	18 Leeds United	0-1	8,741	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	Stevens	Bates	Sankey
	27 Wolverhampton W.	0-2	13,336	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	Stevens	Bates	Sankey
	29 Derby County	3-2	13,068	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	Stevens	Bates	Sankey
1983															
Jan	1 Chelsea	2-0	7,545	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	McNally	Stevens	Bates
	3 Fulham	1-2	7,796	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	McNally	Stevens	Bates
	8 Rotherham United FAC 3	2-1	6,097	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	McNally	Stevens	Bates
	15 Oldham Athletic	0-0	4,630	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	McNally	Stevens	Bates
	22 Newcastle United	0-4	19,362	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Bates	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	McNally	Stevens	Petts
Feb	30 Everton FAC4	1-2	35,188	Ogrizovic	Cross	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	McNally	Stevens	Williams
	5 Crystal Palace	1-1	3,716	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	McNally	Stevens	Bates
	22 Leicester City	2-3	6,165	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Turner	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	McNally	Stevens	Robinson
	26 Queens Park Rangers	0-0	4,397	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Turner	Leonard	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	McNally	Stevens	Robinson
Mar	5 Rotherham United	3-0	4,810	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Petts	Pearson	Bates	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	Bates	Stevens	Sankey
	8 Middlesbrough	1-2	7,406	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Turner	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	Robinson	Stevens	Leonard
	12 Barnsley	3-1	4,024	Ogrizovic	Williams	Johnson	Turner	Pearson	Griffin	Cross	MacLaren	Brown	Robinson	Stevens	McNally
Apr	19 Bolton Wanderers														
	26 Sheffield W. (MC F)														
	Derby County														
	5 Wolverhampton W.														
	8 Grimsby Town														
	16 Cambridge U. (FA SF)														
	23 Carlisle United														
May	29 Charlton Athletic														
	3 Burnley														
	7 Leeds United														
	14 Blackburn Rovers														
	21 FA Cup Final														

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Sept.	4 FULHAM Chris Smith and the Away Supporters
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Sept.	28 CAMBRIDGE U. Chris Smith and the Away Supporters
Oct.	2 LEICESTER CITY Lion Hotel, Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury
Oct.	9 MIDDLESBROUGH Annscroft Haulage, Annscroft
Oct.	23 ROTHERHAM U. Mrs Yates and Ann
Nov.	13 SHEFFIELD WED. Telephone Manager, Telephone House, Shrewsbury
Nov.	27 CHARLTON ATHLETIC Chris Smith and the Away Supporters
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Feb.	26 Q.P.R. Lion Hotel, Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury
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Apr.	2 DERBY COUNTY Richard Dawes Ltd. Roofing Specialists, Shrewsbury
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Apr.	23 CARLISLE UNITED
May	3 BURNLEY
May	7 LEEDS UNITED Roy Fox, Electrical Contractor, Shrewsbury

NEXT MATCHES AT GAY MEADOW	
NEXT MATCHEY AT GAY MEADOW	
Midland Intermediate League Cup	
Saturday, 26th March WEST BROMWICH ALBION K.O. 10.45 a.m.	
Division Two	
Saturday, 2nd April DERBY COUNTY K.O. 3.00 p.m.	
Division Two	
Friday 8th April GRIMSBY TOWN K.O. 7.30 p.m.	
MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE	
Aug. Sept.	28 Mansfield Town 0-2 4 Nottingham Forest 1-4 11 Derby County 1-1 18 Stoke City 0-4 25 Wolves 1-2
Oct.	2 West Bromwich A. 1-4 9 Port Vale 2-0 16 Aston Villa 0-1 23 Notts County 4-0 30 Walsall 2-3 Nov. 1 West Bromwich A. (FAYC) 2-3 6 Birmingham 1-1 13 Leicester 3-2 20 Stoke City 1-1 27 Mansfield 4-2 Dec. 11 Nottingham Forest 2-3 18 Aston Villa 4-2 Jan. 1 West Bromwich P.P. 8 Wolves P.P. 15 Derby County 2-1 22 Coventry City 1-4 Feb. 5 — 3-1 12 Leicester City 19 Port Vale 26 — March 12 — To be arranged: Coventry City Notts County Walsall

HALF-TIME SCORECHECK	
A	BARNSELY v MIDDLESBROUGH
B	BURNLEY v NEWCASTLE
C	CARLISLE v BLACKBURN
D	CRYSTAL PALACE v CHELSEA
E	DERBY v SHEFF. WEDS
F	GRIMSBY v WOLVES
G	LEICESTER v CAMBRIDGE
H	OLDHAM v FULHAM
I	Q.P.R. v ROTHERHAM
J	ARSENAL v LUTON
K	ASTON VILLA v COVENTRY
L	IPSWICH v NOTT'M FOREST
M	LIVERPOOL v EVERTON
N	MAN. UTD v BRIGHTON
O	NOTT'S COUNTY v NORWICH
P	SOUTHAMPTON v MAN. CITY
Q	SUNDERLAND v SWANSEA
R	WATFORD v TOTTENHAM
T	W.B.A. v BIRMINGHAM
U	WEST HAM v STOKE
V	WALSALL v EXETER
W	WREXHAM v MILLWALL

HOW WE STAND	
LEAGUE DIVISION TWO (Up to and including Tuesday 15th March 1983)	
	P W D L F A Pts
Wolves	31 18 7 6 56 33 61
Q.P.R.	30 18 5 7 52 26 59
Fulham	30 16 7 7 51 35 55
Leicester City	30 14 4 12 51 33 46
Oldham Athletic	31 10 14 7 49 37 44
Newcastle United	30 11 11 8 46 40 44
Shrewsbury T.	31 12 8 11 40 41 44
Sheffield Wed.	29 11 10 8 44 36 43
Barnley	30 11 10 9 44 40 43
Leeds United	30 9 15 6 38 35 42
Blackburn Rovers	31 11 9 11 42 42 42
Grimsbey Town	31 12 6 13 41 50 42
Chelsea	31 10 8 13 45 46 38
Bolton W.	31 10 8 13 38 44 38
Charlton Athletic	30 10 6 14 45 63 36
Rotherham Utd.	31 8 11 12 33 45 35
Crystal Palace	30 8 10 12 31 38 34
Carlisle United	31 8 9 14 51 57 33
Cambridge Utd	31 8 9 14 31 46 33
Middlesbrough	31 7 12 12 34 59 33
Burnley	28 8 5 15 44 49 29
Derby County	30 5 14 11 34 45 29

APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS					
	LEAGUE	MILK		F.A.	GOALS
		CUP	GOALS		
Ogrizovic	31	4	—	2	—
Williams	31	4	—	1(1)	—
Johnson	22	4	—	2	—
Turner	9(8)	1(1)	—	—	—
Sankey	—(10)	1(2)	—	—	—
Pearson	28	4	—	2	—
Griffin	26	3	—	2	—
Petts	29(1)	4	—	2	—
MacLaren	29	4	—	1	—
Brown	25	3	2	2	2
Cross	29	4	2	2	1
Bates	25(4)	4	—	1(1)	—
Foster	—	—(1)	—	—	—
Stevens	22(4)	2	4	2	—
Leonard	14(2)	1	—	1	—
McNally	17(1)	1	—	2	—
Robinson	4(1)	—	—	—	—

Today's Opponents

BOLTON

JIM McDONAGH (Goalkeeper). In his second spell with Bolton. Jim rejoined the Wanderers during the summer of 1981 from Everton after a season at Goodison Park. The former Rotherham keeper was a member of Bolton's Second Division Championship winning side in 1978. Republic of Ireland International.

GERRY McELHINNEY (Defender). Signed from Distillery at the beginning of the 80/81 season, a former Gaelic footballer and amateur boxer, who made his debut for the Wanderers soon after signing. An aggressive, enthusiastic defender who just failed to make the Northern Ireland World Cup squad.

PAUL JONES (Defender). Re-signed for Wanderers within weeks of being released on a free transfer during the summer. Paul is a quick tackling defender who has been a member of the Under-23 and full England squads. He is a commanding player in the air as well as on the ground and has a habit of scoring vital goals. Can also play at full back and is Wanderers longest serving player.

MIKE DOYLE (Defender). Veteran former Manchester City and England defender, joined the Wanderers in January from Stoke City for a "nominal fee". Doyle made a dramatic start to his Bolton days conceding an own goal on his debut and being sent off in his second game, but he brought a steady influence to the Bolton line-up and his composure has been a tremendous asset.

TONY HENRY (Full Back/Midfield). Signed for £125,000 from Manchester City. Tony was one of the unsung heroes of Manchester City's revival last season, he came on as substitute in Manchester City's FA Cup Final appearance in 1981. Versatile player who is bound to be a useful acquisition to the Club.

WAYNE FOSTER (Striker). A former local schoolboy, Foster came on to the Wanderers' scene last season and commanded a regular place in the attack. Recognised at representative level. Foster got his first England Youth cap in Scotland in a European Championship qualifier.

MIKE BENNETT (Defender). A member of the successful England Youth Squad which won the 1980 European Youth Championships in East Germany, Mick is quickly establishing himself as one of the most promising defenders in the game. Has played at full back and midfield. Bolton born, he joined the Wanderers as a schoolboy.

DAVID HOGGAN (Midfield). Joined Bolton from Tynecastle Boys Club, Edinburgh as an apprentice in November 1977 and signed full professional forms in August 1979. Made his League debut in the First Division at Bristol City in April 1980. Won International recognition with the Scottish Under-21's Squad.



FRONT ROW: Dave Hoggan, Wayne Foster, John McGovern (Player-Manager), Jeff Chandler, Peter Reid (now Everton), Ray Deakin.
MIDDLE ROW: Charlie Wright (Coach), Mike Bennett, Neil Berry, Chris Thompson, Mike Doyle, Vernon Allatt (now Halifax), Tony Henry, Walter Joyce (Coach).
BACK ROW: Gerry McElhinney, Paul Jones, Jim McDonagh, Simon Farnworth, Ian Moores, Steve Whitworth.



Star Visitor



JOHN McGOVERN

STEVE WHITWORTH (Defender).

Joined Bolton for a bargain £25,000 from Sunderland in October 1981. A stylish, experienced full back with well over 400 League appearances behind him. Whitworth earned seven England caps in his Leicester City days.

JEFF CHANDLER (Forward).

A livewire winger with an abundance of skill and control. Jeff cost Wanderers a modest £40,000 when he signed from Leeds United in October 1981. The Hammersmith born lad, who began his League career with Blackpool has won International recognition with the Republic of Ireland.

IAN MOORES (Forward).

Joined Wanderers in the summer on a free transfer after 4 seasons at Orient. The 6ft 2in blond striker made his name with Stoke when he joined as a teenager, and Spurs, where he enjoyed a successful two years. At present on loan to Barnsley.

RAY DEAKIN (Defender).

A left full back who can also play in midfield, Ray joined the Wanderers in the summer on a free transfer from Port Vale. Began his career with Everton.

JOHN McGOVERN (Midfield).

Taking his first steps into management, John was appointed Wanderers Player/Manager in June. One of the

games most respected players, he has won League Championship honours with Derby County and Nottingham Forest — whom he also led as captain to two European Cup and two Football League Cup successes.

NEIL BERRY (Defender).

International Youth honours with Scotland launched Neil into what promises to be a first class career. His League debut came in March at Cambridge where he played in midfield.

SIMON FARNWORTH (Goalkeeper).

Simon has shown enough talent and composure in his formative years to persuade the Wanderers to appoint an understudy to Jim McDonagh and release the highly experienced Dennis Peacock who returned to Doncaster.

CHRIS THOMPSON (Striker/

Midfield). A speedy attacker with plenty of skill. Chris joined the Wanderers from school. He became an apprentice and then went on to sign full professional forms in July 1977. Has represented England at Youth level. He was the Club's leading scorer last season.

In Retrospect

Shrewsbury v Bolton

Season	Division	Home Result (Scorers)	Away Result (Scorers)
1971/72	Three	1-0 (Wood)	0-2
1972/73	Three	0-2	0-2
1980/81	Two	1-2 (Turner)	2-0 (Dungworth, Walsh o.g.)
1981/82	Two	2-0 (Bennett o.g., Atkins pen)	1-1 (Atkins pen)
1982/83	Two		4-1 (Petts 2, Williams, Cross)

Last meeting at Gay Meadow — Saturday November 14th, 1981

Division Two

SHREWSBURY (1)2	BOLTON (0)0
Bennett (o.g.)	
Atkins (pen)	4,062

SHREWSBURY: Wardle, MacLaren, Johnson, Cross, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Dungworth, Atkins, Biggins, Bates.

BOLTON: McDonagh, Whitworth, Bennett, Henry, Jones, Gowling, Chandler, Kidd (Carter), Hoggan, Cantello, Thompson.

Team Check

Shrewsbury Town

Blue and Gold

- 1 Steve Ogrizovic
- 2 Wayne Williams
- 3 Paul Johnson
- 4 Graham Turner
- 5 Nigel Pearson
- 6 Gary Stevens
- 7 Paul Petts
- 8 Ross MacLaren
- 9 Alan Brown
- 10 Colin Robinson
- 11 Phil Bates
- 12

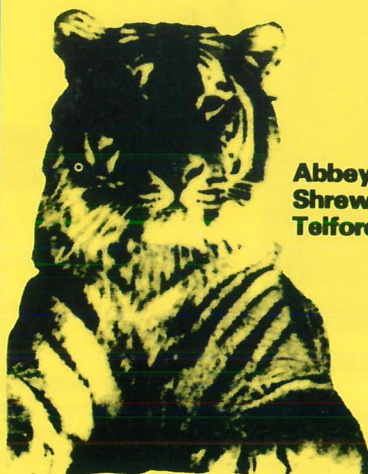
Bolton Wanderers

All Red

- 1 Jim McDonagh
- 2 Steve Whitworth
- 3 Ray Deakin
- 4 Neil Redfearn
- 5 Paul Jones
- 6 Mike Doyle
- 7 Jeff Chandler
- 8 Simon Rudge
- 9 Ian Moores
- 10 Tony Henry
- 11 David Hoggan
- 12

OFFICIALS

REFEREE: Mr. H. W. KING
MERTHYR TYDFIL
LINESMEN:
Red Flag — Mr. P. GREEN
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